



National Park Service
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Superintendent's Compendium
Of Designations, Closures, Permit
Requirements and Other Restrictions
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of New River Gorge National River, Gauley River National Recreation Area and Bluestone National Scenic River. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

I. 36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES

(a)(1) The following visiting hours and public use limits are established for all or for the listed portions of the park, and the following closures are established for all or a portion of the park to all public use or to a certain use or activity:

Except for park buildings and other structures identified as open to the public, all buildings, historical ruins, and other structures are closed.

Visiting Hours

Visiting hours are sunrise to sunset as follows:

- On the Canyon Rim and Sandstone Visitor Center grounds (including the parking lots and grounds associated with or adjacent to the visitor center).
- On National Park Service property associated with the Park Headquarters complex in Glen Jean.

Canyon Rim Visitor Center, Sandstone Visitor Center and the NPS property associated with Park Headquarters in Glen Jean offer no visitor services after regular business hours and also have a history of inappropriate behavior and vandalism after daylight hours.

- At Dungen except for the parking lot and group campsite.

The area known as Dungen is located between NPS maintenance facilities and a private residence. No visitor services are available after hours.

- The area of Beauty Mountain from Short Creek to Beauty Mountain electrical substation is closed to public use one-half hour after sunset until sunrise.

The area known as Beauty Mountain formerly owned by the Nuttall Estate is closed one hour

after sunset until sunrise. The area used to be host to late night and often rowdy parties which not only disturbed park neighbors, but also placed the parties involved in great danger due to the close proximity of sheer cliffs and uneven terrain.

Public Use Limits

The size of group and the frequency of use for certain activities will be restricted as follows (see APPENDIX B for additional information):

- **Commercial Climbing.** In order to limit the impact to the climbing complex known as the Bridge Area, all groups will be limited to a maximum of 15 persons per trip, including the guide(s), with guest-to-guide ratio not to exceed four guests to one guide. Groups in all other climbing areas will be limited to a maximum of 10 persons per trip, including the guides(s), with guest-to-guide ratio not to exceed four guests to one guide. Guest count will include individuals in the group watching the climbing activity. All climbing groups are limited to four trips per day park-wide.
- **Commercial Hiking/Biking.** In order to limit the impact to park trails and other park visitors, all groups biking and hiking on designated trails will be limited to a maximum of 22 persons, including the guide(s) per trip, with a guest-to-guide ratio not to exceed 10 guests to one guide. In addition, biking and hiking groups will be limited to four trips per day park-wide.
- **Commercial Horse Trips.** In order to limit the impact to permitted trails and minimize conflict with other trail users, horse packing trips will be limited to a maximum of 22 horses and 22 persons (including the guides) per trip, with a guest-to-guide ratio not to exceed 10 guests to one guide. Trips are confined to the Brooklyn Mine Access Trail and Bluestone Turnpike Trail and are limited to day use only with a maximum of four trips per day per designated horse trail. In order to reduce trail damage and minimize conflict with other trail users, a time period of 30 minutes must lapse between the start of each trip onto a designated horse trail. Grazing is not permitted. Horses are prohibited from being tied to trees, shrubs or vegetation and must maintain a distance of at least 100 feet from a water source. Noxious weed-seed free pellets may be utilized if necessary, but hay is prohibited.
- **GPS-Based Activity Physical Caches.** In order to limit the impacts on park trails and areas for this newly allowed activity, Special Use Permits will be limited to ten caches at any time.

Limiting the size of all of these groups will serve to limit their impacts on park resources as well as enhance the overall visitor experience in the park. These limits will also aid in reducing the possibilities of commercial/private user conflicts.

- **Personal Water Craft.** In accordance with the Policy of the National Park Service, the use of Personal Watercraft are prohibited in the park. Personal Watercraft (PWC) are defined in 36 CFR §1.4(a).

Personal Water Craft (PWC) are prohibited in units of the National Park Service except where designated by special regulations.

Closures

- All park roads are open only to vehicles that:
 - Are registered with valid state registration
 - Have proof of insurance
 - Have a current valid state safety inspection sticker (if required by the state where registered), and
 - Display a current valid state license plate

All park roads are open to vehicles meeting accepted state registration and safety requirements.

- All park roads are closed to all vehicles that are designed for off-highway use as defined by West Virginia Motor Vehicle Code, Section 17A-1-1 (ii) [ATVs].

Off-road vehicles are designed for off-highway use and do not meet the requirements set forth for use on park roads. Travel OFF road by ANY vehicle on park land is prohibited.

- To limit the spread of the exotic forest pest known as the emerald ash borer, it is prohibited to transport firewood into the New River Gorge National River and the Gauley River National Recreation Area.

Resource management has identified imported wood increases the spread of the emerald ash borer.

- The area known as Beauty Mountain Boulders is closed to the possession of spray paint, paint, and marking pens.

This area is heavily vandalized by taggers. Thousands of square feet of boulders and cliff edges have been painted with often offensive language and pictures. Numerous efforts to prevent the vandalism have been unsuccessful.

- The area posted as closed on Brooks Island.

This area currently has an active eagle nest occupied by a breeding pair of eagles. Resource Management staff have indicated ground disturbance near the nesting site can cause the pair to abandon the nest.

II. 36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit (approved in advance) from the superintendent is required (See APPENDIX A):

- §1.5(d) Reservation of Burnwood, Dunglen, and Grandview picnic shelters; group climbing, hiking, biking, horse packing and tours
- §2.5(a) Collecting (form PRP-1, research specimens)
- §2.10(a) Use of Burnwood and Dunglen group camping areas
- §2.12 Audio Disturbances
 - (a)(2) Operating a chain saw in developed areas
 - (a)(3) Operation of any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas
 - (a)(4) Operation of a public address system in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51
- §2.17 Aircraft and Air Delivery
 - (a)(3) Delivery or retrieval of a person or object by parachute, helicopter or other airborne means Parachuting (or BASE jumping), whether from an aircraft, structure, or natural feature, is generally prohibited. The issuance of a permit will be considered for organized BASE landings from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM during the annual Bridge Day event held on the third Saturday of October, pursuant to terms of the July 26, 2002 Management Policies waiver specific to New River Gorge National River.
 - (c)(1) Removal of a downed aircraft

- §2.22 Earth and virtual caches are described as interesting and educational locations that can be visited to learn about unique aspects of the earth and do not involve the placement of a physical cache. Earth and virtual caching are allowed without a Special Use Permit under the following conditions: occurs in areas where visitors can normally go; does not involve the development of new social trails; items or personal property are not left on park property; the activity involves no impacts to vegetation, wildlife, cultural and historical sites; the activity involves no ground disturbance (digging) or moving of rocks. GPS-based activities involving the placement of a physical cache on park property requires a Special Use Permit with specific cache content restrictions to ensure safe and kid-friendly educational park experience (prohibited are weapons, ammunition, tobacco, drugs/medications, alcohol, food, items with vulgar or pornographic content, personal/hygiene products, chemicals or scented/perfumed items/substances, explosives/fireworks, or advertising materials). Permit guidelines and conditions will ensure physical caches do not adversely impact natural, cultural or historical sites, will not conflict with visitor use and will not adversely impact park operations.

Management Policies 2006 8.2.2 states the National Park Service will manage recreational activities, including earth caching, that take place in parks and support the federal policy of promoting the health and personal fitness of the general public. It further states that, even though not all activities will be appropriate in all parks, the Superintendent can make determination on whether a new form of recreational activity will be appropriate and not cause unacceptable impacts and any restrictions placed on appropriate recreational uses will be limited to the minimum necessary to protect park resources/values and promote visitor safety/enjoyment. Policy Review for GPS-based Recreational Activities in National Park Areas updated on October 1, 2009 states conditions may exist where a properly managed GPS activity would be complementary to the park's education mission and, where appropriate, could be offered by a park to emphasize particular resources and enhance the visitor's experience. It further states that a superintendent may find that a GPS activity is an appropriate use but needs to manage it under the terms and conditions of a permit to help manage the use and also raise awareness in a way that fosters the cooperation of recreational GPS users.

- §2.37 Soliciting or demanding gifts, money goods or services (pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit issued under §2.50, §2.51 or §2.52)
- §2.38 Explosives
 - (a) Use, possess, store, transport explosives, blasting agents
 - (b) Use or possess fireworks
- §2.50(a) Special events, weddings, marathons and any other activities of organized groups
- §2.51(a) Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, parades and other public expressions of view
 - Public assemblies, meetings, gatherings, demonstrations, and other public expressions of views will be permitted if a permit has been issued in accordance with 36 CFR §2.51 at locations designed to balance the legitimate need of persons to express their views while allowing for the needs of park visitors to enjoy the park and its resources.
 - Designated areas for such activities at New River Gorge National River, Gauley River National Recreation Area and Bluestone National Scenic River include the areas listed in APPENDIX C. Some specific sites may not be available at all times due to the constraints listed in 36 CFR §2.51. Permit conditions specific to each site and event may be established in accordance with 36 CFR §2.51. See APPENDIX A
- §2.52(a) Distribution or sale of printed matter that is not solely commercial advertising

- The sale or distribution of printed matter will be permitted at locations designed to balance the legitimate need of persons to express their views while allowing for the needs of park visitors to enjoy the park and its resources.
- Designated areas at New River Gorge National River, Gauley River National Recreation Area and Bluestone National Scenic River where the sale or distribution of printed matter is allowed pursuant to a written permit are listed in APPENDIX A. Some specific sites may not be available at all times due to the constraints listed in 36 CFR §2.52. Permit conditions specific to each site and event may be established in accordance with 36 CFR §2.52. See APPENDIX A.
- §2.60(b) Agricultural Use
- §2.62(b) Scattering of Human Ashes
- §5.1 Advertisements - (Display, posting or distribution)
- §5.3 All commercial operations
- §5.5 Commercial Photography
 - Filming and photography activities – whether commercial or noncommercial – will be allowed provided that activities do not cause unacceptable impacts to park resources or public use.
 - All commercial and certain non-commercial filming requires a permit. Commercial filming is defined as digital or film recording of a visual image or sound recording by a person, business, or other entity for a market audience, such as for a documentary, television or feature film, advertisement, or similar project.
 - Still photography activities, whether commercial or non-commercial, require a permit when: (a) the activity takes place at location(s) where or when members of the public are generally not allowed; or (b) the activity uses model(s), sets(s), or prop(s) that are not a part of the location's natural or cultural resources or administrative facilities; or (c) the park would incur additional administrative costs to monitor the activity; or (d) the park needs to provide management and oversight to (1) avoid impairment or incompatible use of the resources and values of the park, or (2) limit resource damage, or (3) minimize health or safety risks to the visiting public.
 - News coverage does not require a permit, for either filming or still photography, but is subject to time, place, and manner restrictions, if warranted, to maintain order and ensure the safety of the public and the media, and to protect natural and cultural resources.
- §5.6(c) Use of commercial vehicles on park area roads (The superintendent shall issue a permit to access private lands within or adjacent to the park when access is otherwise not available)
- §5.7 Construction of buildings, facilities, trails, roads, boat docks, path, structure, etc.

For more information on permit requirements and to obtain appropriate applications, please contact the office of the Program Specialist for Commercial/Special Park Uses at 304-465-6517 or visit www.nps.gov/neri/.

III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL, AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(a)(4) Firewood.

- Dead wood on the ground may be collected only for use as campfire fuel in campsites within park boundaries.

The collection of dead wood on the ground for immediate use as campfire fuel does not pose any particular threat to the ecosystem as fluctuating river levels regularly replenish wood in the areas where camping is popular.

(a)(5) Climbing.

- Recreational climbing and rappelling is prohibited at Grandview.

Rock climbing at Grandview would cause a conflict between user groups. With over 1,400 established climbing routes in the park, Grandview is one area where the focus around the cliffs is the enjoyment of the scenery in a peaceful, non sport-like setting.

(c)(2) Gathering.

- The following berries and other fruits growing on federally-owned lands within the park may be gathered for personal consumption in the quantity of one gallon per person per day: blueberries, blackberries, cherries, elderberries, gooseberries, grapes, huckleberries raspberries, serviceberries, strawberries, and sumac berries. Apples, may apples, peaches, pears, persimmons, plums, and black walnuts may be gathered for personal consumption in the quantity of 1/2 bushel per person per day.
- Morel mushrooms may be gathered, limited to 1/2 grocery bag or 1/8 bushel per person per day for personal consumption.
- Ramps (*Allium tricoccum*) may be gathered, limited to 1/2 grocery bag or 1/8 bushel per person per day for personal consumption.

The berries, other fruits, mushrooms and roots set forth in this section are sufficiently prolific so as to sustain gathering in limited quantities for personal use.

(c)(3) Prohibitions.

- Except for those plants and plant parts specifically designated above, it is prohibited to possess, destroy, injure, deface, remove, dig, or otherwise disturb from its natural state all other plants or the parts or products thereof on federally-owned lands within the park [36 CFR §2.1(1)(1)(ii)]. This includes various other fruits, berries, nuts, greens, bulbs, tubers, roots, and other plant parts or products which may, traditionally, have been considered to be edible or to have medicinal uses.

The gathering or possession of other fruits, berries, nuts, greens, bulbs, tubers, roots, etc. not designated in 2.1(c)(2) is prohibited. Of particular note is American Ginseng which is regulated by the state of West Virginia but illegal to harvest or possess on NPS land.

36 CFR §2.2 – WILDLIFE PROTECTION

(b)(1), (b)(2) Hunting. Hunting is allowed on federally-owned lands within the park except as noted below:

- Hunting shall be in accordance with regulations established by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources or in accordance with posted National Park Service safety zone signs.
- At Grandview, hunting is permitted only within the portion of the former state park land that lies between Glade Creek Road and the New River as posted. All other land within the boundaries of the former state park is closed to all firearms and hunting. Legally taken game shall not be transported across this closed area. All hunting access and possession of firearms in this area are prohibited. (see attached maps).

Under the park's enabling legislation, the Superintendent may allow hunting. Currently, within the area formerly known as Grandview State Park, specifically Grandview Top, hunting is not allowed as it was traditionally closed under State ownership.

- Hunting is not allowed within the Burnwood environmental education area (from the north rim of the New River Gorge along the western and northernmost boundary and south along U. S. 19 to the rim of the gorge as posted) (see attached maps).

The area known as Burnwood, including the Burnwood environmental education area, is closed to hunting as an established safety zone.

- Hunting is not allowed in the Park Loop Trail area from Wolf Creek along the eastern cliff line to the northern old road trace, then following the western park boundary to area behind cemetery and south back to Wolf Creek (see attached maps).

The Park Loop Trail area is closed to hunting as a safety measure as this is a heavy visitor use area.

(b)(3) Trapping.

- Trapping is not allowed on federally-owned lands or federally-controlled waters within New River Gorge National River.
- Trapping is allowed on federally-owned lands and federally-controlled waters within Gauley River National Recreation Area and Bluestone National Scenic River.

Trapping within the Gauley and Bluestone NPS areas is allowed under the parks' enabling legislation.

36 CFR §2.3 - FISHING

(d)(8) Fishing From Boat Launch Areas.

- For visitor safety, no fishing is allowed within 100 feet of boat launch/take-out areas while watercraft are using the launch/take-out area.

(d)(2) Bait.

- Live or dead minnows, other bait fish, and amphibians, except as identified below, may be possessed or used as bait or fishing in the waters of the park, in accordance with West Virginia fishing regulations. The commercial collection of bait is prohibited. The collection and possession of the following rare salamanders is prohibited: Green Salamander (*Aneides aeneus*) and Blackbelly Salamander (*Desmognathus quadramaculatus*) is prohibited

Bait collection and use consistent with West Virginia fishing regulations. Salamanders listed as protected species. Commercial collecting consistent with NPS service-wide policy.

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING AND FOOD STORAGE

(b) Camping.

- Camping is defined as "the erecting of a tent or shelter or natural synthetic materials, preparing a sleeping bag or other bedding material for use, parking of a motor vehicle, motor home or trailer, or mooring of a vessel for the apparent purpose of overnight occupancy" 36 CFR §1.4(a).
- Camping is permitted on federally-owned lands within the park except where specifically excluded. Camping is permitted at established campsites on NPS-owned riverfront land as long

as no unacceptable impacts result. Camping is allowed by permit only at the Dungen and Burnwood group camping areas.

- Opportunities for "primitive" drive-in camping on a first-come, first-served basis have been developed at Army Camp, Grandview Sandbar, Glade Creek, Hellems Beach, and Gauley Tailwaters. Opportunities for "primitive" walk-in camping on a first-come, first-served basis have been developed at Glade Creek, Grandview Sandbar, Thayer, Stone Cliff and Brooklyn.
- Camping by commercial groups is not permitted in any **developed campground** from the third Saturday in May through September 30.

Developed campgrounds are closed to commercial use May through September to eliminate conflicts between user groups. Only a limited number of spaces are available and would not support commercial use during peak season.

- Camping is prohibited within 25 feet of all main roads within the park boundary
- Camping is prohibited **within 100 feet of any** of the following unless designated or developed sites are offered (see APPENDIX B for additional information):
 - Developed Day Use and River Access areas (parking, boat launch areas)
 - Developed trails and trailhead areas
 - Park structures or historical ruins
 - Water source or improved areas (unless otherwise stated)
- More specifically, camping is prohibited at the following:
 - Grandview Top (see attached maps in APPENDIX B)
 - Former Laing property adjacent to Burnwood
 - Visitor centers at Canyon Rim, Sandstone and Thurmond (the parking lots and grounds associated with or adjacent to the visitor centers)
 - Within the Kaymoor historic area (between the metal gate to the south, Butcher Branch to the north, and the historic area from rim top to the river)
 - The area known as The Pines at the Gauley Tailwaters area (see attached map)
 - The areas known as Fern Creek and Beauty Mountain, from Workman Road to the North, through Short Creek and ending at the Beauty Mountain Electrical Substation (see attached map in APPENDIX B)
 - Keeney's Creek Flatrock area (see attached map)
 - Within 300' of any cliff top or cliff bottom (unless otherwise designated)
 - Within the boundaries of Bluestone National Scenic River
- In developed/designated camping areas, there will be a maximum of one tent and one RV (a vehicle designed for overnight accommodations) or two tents, eight people, and two vehicles per site.
- No person, party, or organization shall be permitted to camp for more than a total of 14 days within a 28-day period within any park campground and/or camping area. The moving from one campsite or camping area to another, or the changing of the registered name of the group or individual in order to circumvent the 14-day camping limit is prohibited.
- Campers will be required to register with park rangers when and as requested.

Camping is an intensive use of park resources. All of the camping regulations are in effect to protect 1) the natural features of the park from abuses which can result when camping activities go unchecked, and 2) the quality of the visitor's camping experience. Limitations on camping days and site capacities seek to achieve this protection while still providing adequate camping opportunities to park visitors. Commercial and group size restrictions seek to avoid exposing visitors to hazards or conflicts with other user groups (commercial trips, heavy day use).

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

- A reserved shelter at Burnwood, Dunglen, and Grandview will be for the entire day and for the exclusive use of the party which holds the reservation. Use of picnic shelters at Dunglen and Burnwood are by reservation only. Shelters at Grandview may be used by non-commercial groups on a first-come, first-served basis if not already reserved.
- Picnickers using vacant designated campsites will yield the site to those wishing to occupy the site for camping.

Picnicking is allowed throughout the park and in all park campgrounds in accordance with the food storage regulations of Section 2.10(d).

36 CFR §2.13 – FIRES

(a)(1) Fires.

- Campfires are allowed at developed sites and must be contained within the receptacles that are provided. Campfires are also allowed at established backcountry and riverfront campsites and must be contained within a fire pan or existing fire ring.
- Lighting or maintaining a fire is prohibited at:
 - Canyon Rim and Sandstone Visitor centers (the lots and grounds associated with or adjacent to the visitor centers)
 - Camp Brookside Island
 - Islands at Sandstone Falls
 - Keeney's Creek Flatrock area (see attached map)
 - The areas known as Fern Creek and Beauty Mountain, from Workman Road to the North, through Short Creek and ending at the Beauty Mountain Electrical Substation (see attached map)
 - Within the boundaries of the Bluestone National Scenic River
- Unless a receptacle is provided, lighting or maintaining a fire is prohibited **within 300 feet of any:**
 - Developed River Access Areas (this closure includes Gauley Tailwaters, Fayette Station, Cunard, McCreery, Glade Creek, and Meadow Creek; it does not include Stone Cliff and Dunglen)
 - Developed trailhead area
 - Top edge and the bottom of any cliff
 - Park structure or historical ruin

The prohibitions within this section serve the purpose of protecting park natural, historic and archaeological resources from the detrimental effects of campfires. In addition, restricting fires to receptacles (where provided) prevents fire scars from affecting campers sleeping on the ground and contains fire debris to a small area.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a)(3) Pets.

- At park visitor centers, pets may be left unattended and tied, on a leash not to exceed six feet, to an object, specified by visitor center personnel, for up to one hour.
- At other locations of federally-owned lands, pets may be left unattended and tied, on a leash not to exceed six feet, to objects for up to four hours. Pets will not be tied to trees or other woody plants. Pets will not be tied to trash cans.

- Pets left unattended and tied to an object must have direct access to drinking water, fresh air, and shade. At all times and in all places, pets must be secured on a leash not to exceed six feet.

Leash requirement provides for the protection of the pet as well as other park visitors, while preventing pets from disturbing or harassing native wildlife. All other regulations in this section are in effect to protect unattended pets from exposure to high temperatures and dehydration.

(a)(5) Pet Excrement.

- At all campgrounds, visitor centers, and developed areas, pet excrement must be immediately picked up and disposed of by the person in control of the pet.

Pet excrement poses a public health hazard in high use areas such as park campgrounds, visitor centers, and developed areas.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES AND PACK ANIMALS

(b) Horses and Pack Animals.

- Horses and pack animals are prohibited on all park trails unless the trail is signed as open to horse/pack animal use.
- Administrative roads that are closed to motorized vehicles are also closed to horse use.
- Overnight horse use is prohibited except in designated areas.

The use of horses and pack animals is restricted to areas where they will not present a safety hazard or other user group conflicts to visitors. The impact of stock on trail surfaces is also a consideration in determining where they can be used.

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS, AND SIMILAR DEVICES

- These devices are prohibited within the park.

The overflow lots at Grandview (when closed to motor vehicles) are the only areas in the park where skateboards, skates and similar devices may be safely operated without interfering with other visitor uses or vehicle traffic.

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

(a) Smoking.

- All National Park Service buildings and other structures are closed to smoking.

Smoking within any public building or structure poses a health and fire risk.

36 CFR §2.35 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

(a)(3)(i) Closures.

- The following public use areas are closed to the consumption of alcoholic beverages and the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal is broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:
 - Within the Park Headquarters complex in Glen Jean
 - At Dungen, within the developed area
 - At Grandview Top
 - Within Bluestone National Scenic River

- Stone Cliff visitor use area, including the area from the entrance road at the junction of State Route 25 to the upstream end of the "beach area", and the overnight camping and day use areas
- Public use areas at Thayer

At Park Headquarters and Dungen, the use of alcoholic beverages is inappropriate given the nature of the government business which occurs on or near these properties. At Stone Cliff visitor use areas, the irresponsible, unsafe and often violent behavior which traditionally resulted from alcohol use is inappropriate and was not able to be controlled by traditional enforcement means. The area known as Grandview top was formerly a WV State Park where alcohol was prohibited. The public use activities at Grandview include large gatherings, family reunions, church groups and an outdoor drama theater. Bluestone National Scenic River is co-managed with the state of West Virginia, which does not permit the use of alcoholic beverages in the wildlife management area. The Thayer visitor use area is located within the residential community of Thayer and the use of alcohol would be inappropriate due to the proximity of local residents.

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLE USE

(a) Bicycle Use.

- In addition to park vehicular roadways, recreational bicycling, commercial bike tours and special bicycling events are permitted on designated biking trails and park administrative roads listed below:

Proposed Routes for Bicycle Use - Existing Trails and Administrative Roads	
Hawks Nest Connector Trail	3.5 Existing Frontcountry
Fayetteville Trail	4.0 Existing Backcountry
Park Loop Trail	1.1 Existing Backcountry
Timber Ridge Trail	1.0 Existing Backcountry
Kaymoor Trail	8.6 Existing Frontcountry - Administrative Road
Craig Branch Trail	2.4 Existing Administrative Road
Long Point Trail (except the last 0.2 mi closest to the Long Point vista)	1.4 Existing Frontcountry
Keeney Creek Trail / Keeneys Creek Rail Trail	3.0 Existing Administrative Road
Nuttall Mine Trail / Headhouse Trail	0.5 Existing Administrative Road
Nuttallburg Tipple Trail / Tipple Trail and Seldom Seen Trail	0.8 Existing Administrative Road
Nuttallburg Town Connector Trail (a section of the Town Loop Trail)	0.3 Existing Frontcountry
Brooklyn Mine Trail	2.7 Existing Administrative Road
Southside Trail	7.0 Existing Frontcountry - Administrative Road
Rend Trail	3.4 Existing Administrative Road
Stone Cliff Trail	2.7 Existing Administrative Road
Terry Top Trail	1.7 Existing Administrative Road
Little Laurel Trail	2.6 Existing Administrative Road
Glade Creek Trail	5.6 Existing Frontcountry - Administrative Road

Under the park's enabling legislation, the superintendent may designate certain trails as open to bicycle use. A special regulation has been developed for New River Gorge National River and is slated for publication in the Federal Register for final public review. Required public review and WASO Regulations Office review has been completed.

APPENDIX A

36 CFR §2.51 – PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS **36 CFR §2.52 – SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER**

- Canyon Rim Visitor Center. Grassy area to the left of the visitor center when facing the building (see attached map).
- Fayette Station. Grassy area to right of park road just past the Wolf Creek bridge heading into main parking area (see attached map).
- Park Headquarters. Across from Park Headquarters on NPS tract 173-08 in the lawn area on east end (right) of private property adjacent to the Bank of Glen Jean when facing the bank building (see attached map).
- Gauley Tailwaters. Grassy area on right side of tailwaters access road 0.3 miles from Route 129 entrance to access road (see attached map).
- McCreery. Area 50' by 50' in field north of boathouse adjacent to the bridge abutment (see attached map).
- Grandview. Grassy area to the right of trailhead to main overlook (when facing the trail) OR grassy area directly across park road from front of amphitheatre (see attached map).
- Sandstone Visitor Center. The mowed grass portion of the island adjacent to the visitor center parking lot (see attached map).
- Sandstone Falls. Area 50' by 50' in the grassy picnic area 50' downstream (left) of the boardwalk entrance when facing the boardwalk entrance (see attached map).

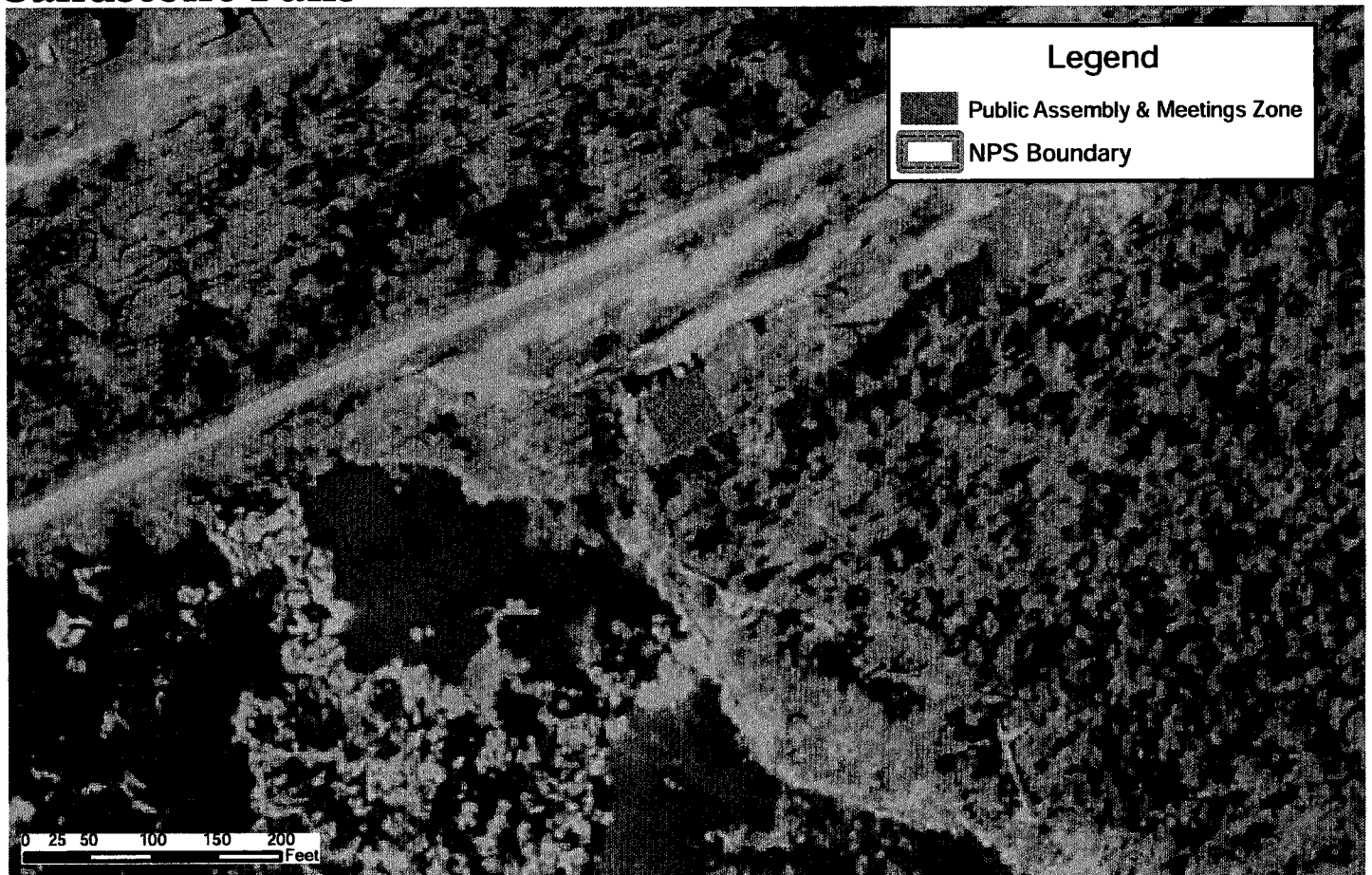
Appendix B – Supporting Maps

- **Public Assemblies**
- **Hunting Restrictions**
- **Camping Restrictions**

Sandstone Visitor Center



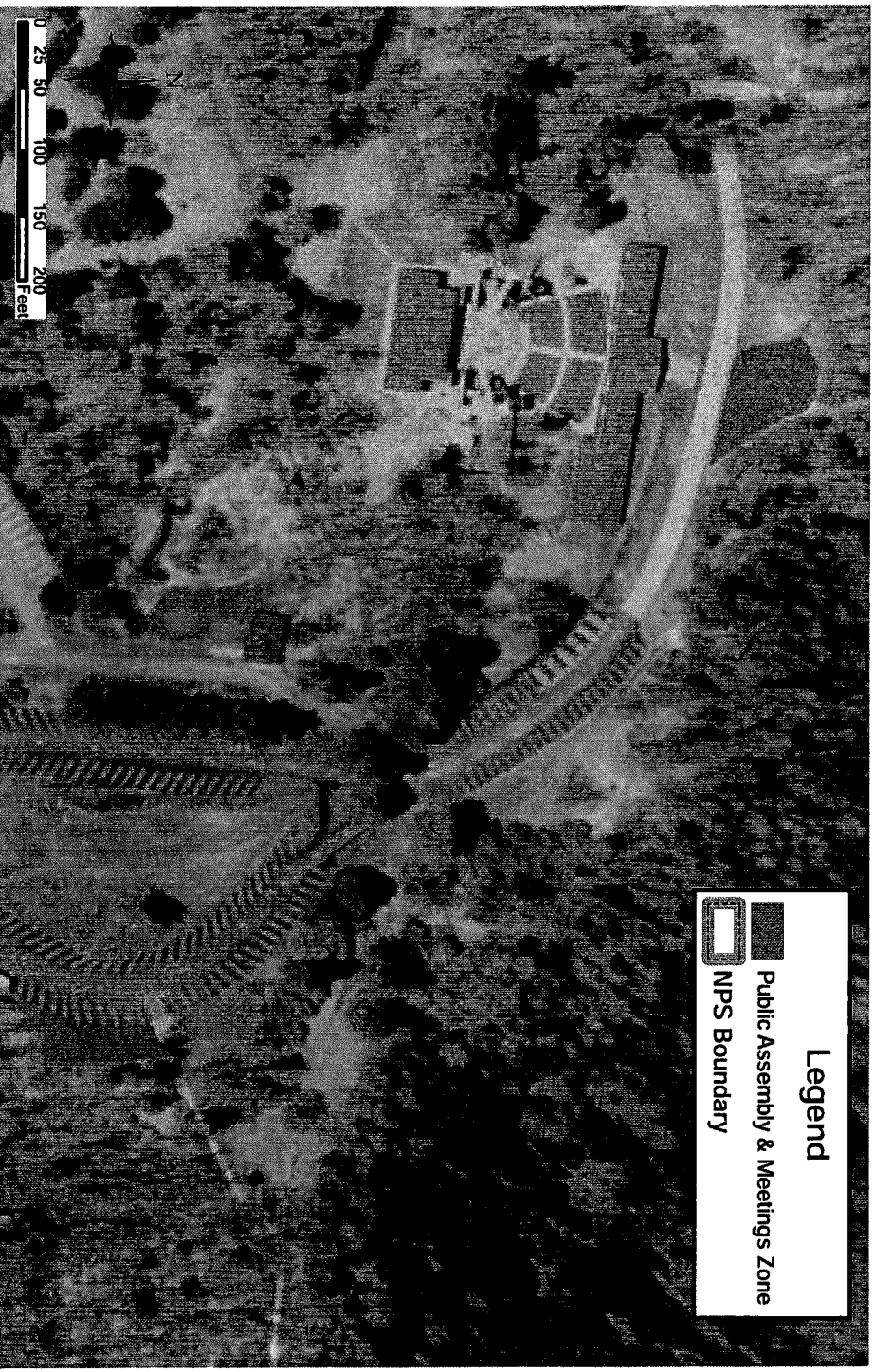
Sandstone Falls



McCreery River Access



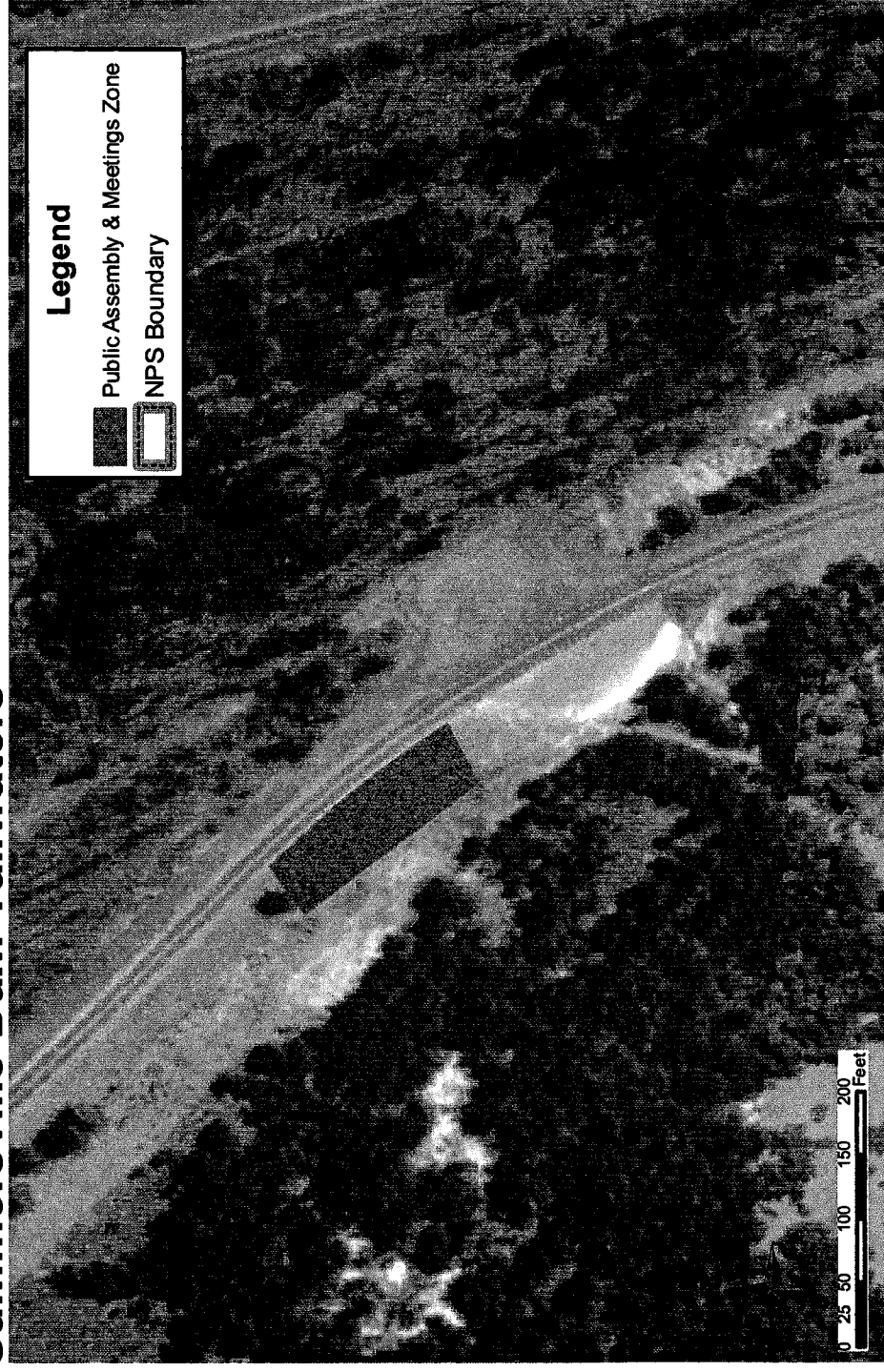
Grandview Area





Park Headquarters



Summersville Dam Tailwaters



Legend

-  Public Assembly & Meetings Zone
-  NPS Boundary

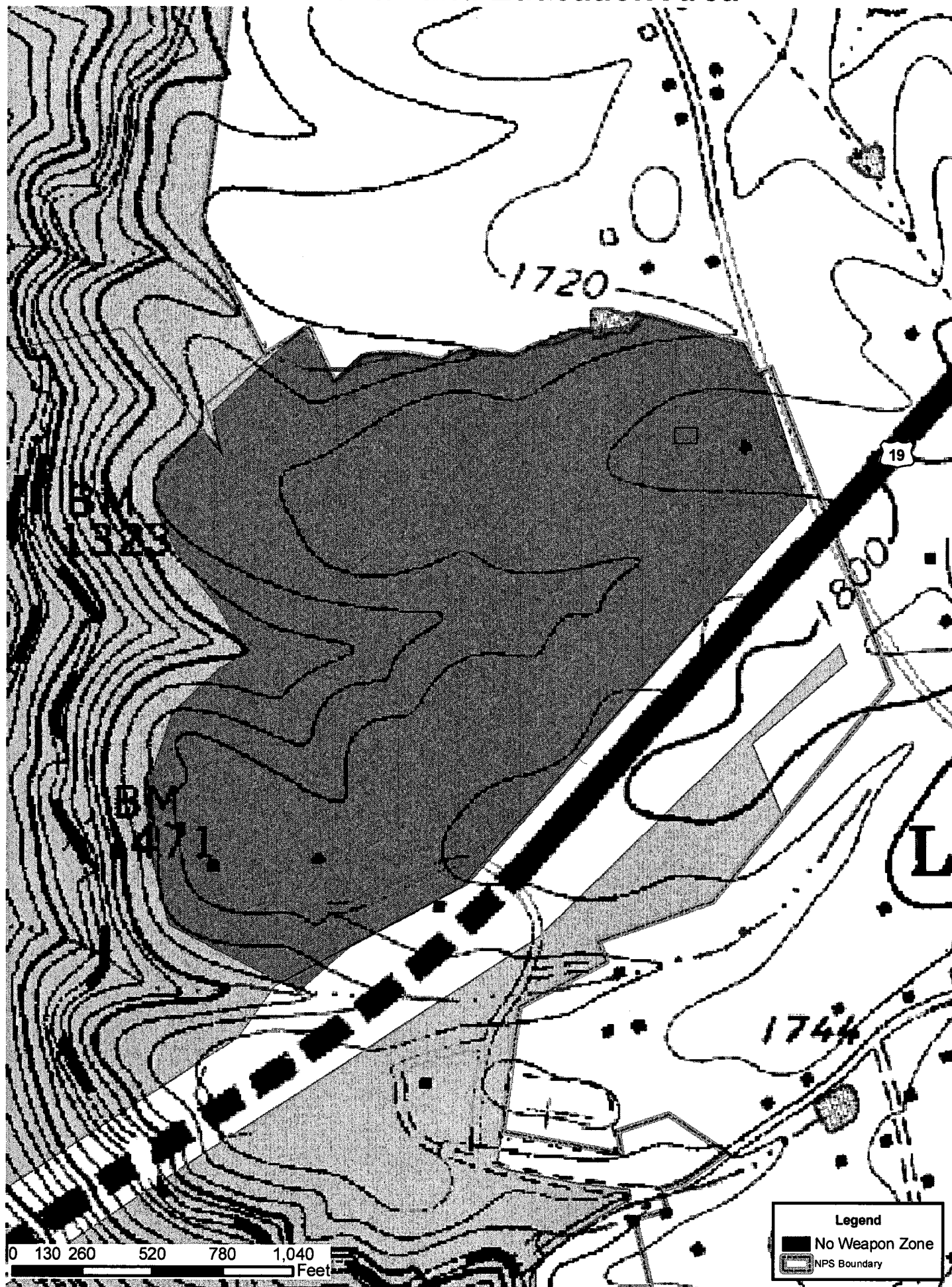
Canyon Rim Visitor Center



Fayette Station Area



Burnwood Environmental and Education Area



Public Assembly and Meeting Areas

Site	Area / sq. ft.	Approximate Dimensions
Park Headquarters	1833	48' X 39'
Canyon Rim Visitor Center	10043	203' X 44'
McCreery River Access	2562	50' X 50'
Sandstone Visitor Center	6467	187' X 50'
Sandstone Falls	2540	50' X 50'
Grandview 1	5605	79' X 75'
Grandview 2	3795	34' X 103'
Gauley Tail waters	9233	173' X 55'
Fayette Station	611	22' X 32'